

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 7, 2008. Entry of the present amendment and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 7-8 for certain informalities. By means of the present amendment, claims 7-8 have been canceled without prejudice. The cancellation of claims 7-8 renders moot this objection.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 9-11 and 20-41 are allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 9-11 and 20-41 are allowed.


By means of the present amendment, claims 1-8, 10 and 12-19 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of

argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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